Prices of Amitriptylin and Dexona Formulations

1611. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 151 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amitriptylin and Dexona formulations were under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, what was the price fixed for each strength and each pack under DPCO, 1979;

(c) whether it is a fact that Dexona formulations are based on imported bulk drug;

(d) if so, whether his Ministry has verified the purchase invoice of bulk drug before fixation of the price on 17th April, 1989; and

(e) if so, what was the price taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Bulk drug Amitriptyline was not price controlled under DPCO, 1979, while Dexamethasone on which Dexona formulations are based was price controlled alongwith all formulations based thereon.

(b) The required details are not readily available.

(c) to (e) Since the concerned company M/s. Cadila Labs had failed to submit form-2 applications, for fixation of price of these formulations under DPCO, 1978, the prices have been fixed by the Government *suo-moto* on the basis of notified price of Rs. 66.51/gm in respect of Dexamethasone-pure and Rs. 80.38/gm in respect of Dexamethasone Phosphate.

Marketing of Fefol, Fesofar, Santivini and Neurophosphate

1612. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 142 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fefol Spansules, Fesofar, Santivini and Neurophosphate were under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, how the manufacturers were selling these products without obtaining price approval under DPCO, 1979; and

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any action against the companies for violation of provisions of D.P.C.O., 1979; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Electronic telephone exchanges in U.P.

1613. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of digital electronic telephone exchanges functioning in U.P. at present; and

(b) what is the number of such exchanges proposed to be set up in U.P. during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Thirty digital electronic telephone exchanges are functioning in U.P. at present.